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Erin Hackethal in a child restraint seat meeting federal standards.

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Questions &

Q. *The Illinois "Child Passenger Re*

Beginning July 1, 1983, every parent or legal guardian of a child residing in this State shall be responsible for securing the child in a vehicle, or a recreational vehicle, of which the vehicle is being used on a roadway, streets or highways of this State by properly securing him or her in a child safety seat.

A. Every parent or legal guardian of a child residing in this State shall be responsible for securing his or her child in a child safety seat.

Q. *What is the purpose of the child*

A substantial number of passengers are injured in motor vehicle accidents which are most frequently operated by parents or legal guardians.

A. injury as a direct result of not being properly secured in a child safety seat.

Q. *Does this law apply to everyone*

No, it applies only to Illinois residents who have legal custody of the child.

A. How often is this law violated because of inattention often brought about because of the child's behavior.

Q. *What is the penalty for failure to*

A violation of this Act is a petty offense punishable by a fine of not more than \$25, waived if the child is properly secured in a child passenger restraint system defined under the Act.

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Q. *Where can I buy an approved child*

Many department stores sell several types of child safety seats which meet U.S. Department of Transportation standards for child passenger protection devices manufactured after September 8, 1985.

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Answers

“Child Passenger Restraint Act”, what does it require?

Legal guardian of a child under the age of 4 years when transporting his or her child in a motor vehicle that parent or guardian is the owner, on the basis of providing for the protection of such child in a child restraint system.

4 years of age or older but under the age of 6, or child in either a child restraint system or seat

Child restraint act?

Under the age of 6 years riding in motor vehicles, parent, annually die or sustain serious physical injury while in a child passenger restraint system.

Who are transporting their children or those of their children, many accidents occur because of driver's negligence of an unrestrained child in the vehicle.

How to comply with this law?

And the first violation shall be punishable by a fine on proof of possession of an approved child restraint seat. A subsequent violation of this Act is a fine of more than \$50.

Child restraint seat?

Use of child restraint systems. (Be certain they meet the Federal Standards that apply to all motor vehicle child restraint seats, January 1, 1981.)

Facts & Fallacies

It's your child's life, but it's your decision. Why take a chance? Do not use these fallacies for failing to protect your child in a car!

Fallacy: Seat belts and safety seats are important on long highway trips at fast speeds but not on short low speed trips around town.

FACT: • 3 of 4 accidents occur within 25 miles of home.

- In an accident, a 10 pound child riding in a car traveling 30 mph is thrown forward at a force of 300 pounds.

- The force of an auto crash at 30 mph is equivalent to dropping a child from a third story window.

Fallacy: A child is safe if held on an adult's lap.

FACT: • Crash forces will pull a child from the arms of an adult.

- In a crash or sudden stop, a child's body can be crushed by the adult who is holding it.



Fallacy: My child is too active to be restrained in a car seat.

FACT: • A Kansas University Medical Center researcher found that children riding in safety seats exhibit much higher levels of appropriate or safe behavior than those riding unrestrained.

- Also, when safety seats were introduced to children who had not previously used them, the level of appropriate behavior improved dramatically.

Fallacy: It's better to be thrown clear of the car.

FACT: • The chance of being killed is 30 times greater if ejected.
• Seat belts and safety seats prevent people from going through windshields, flying out the door, hitting solid objects such as the road and from being run over by the car.

Fallacy: Small children are less likely to be injured because they are light and resilient.

FACT: • 77% of all injuries to children in car accidents are injuries to the head causing brain damage, permanent disfigurement, epilepsy, or death.
• Safety seats help to absorb the force of a crash thereby helping to prevent injuries and death.

Fallacy: Children should not wear safety belts.

FACT: • Children under the age of four must be placed in an approved child safety seat. Children between the ages of 4 and 6 may either be seated in a child restraint system or seat belts.



Fallacy: Any normal baby-carrier can provide makeshift protection.

FACT: • Plastic infant seats or carriers cannot withstand the force and stresses of an accident.
• Those carriers may be dangerous if they are thrown around in the vehicle and expose sharp edges after they break.

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- Child safety seats that are manufactured on January 1, 1981 or after meet current federal standards and provide the best protection for a child.

Fallacy: Safety seats can be installed and positioned anywhere in the car.

FACT: • Safety seats must be installed according to the manufacturer's instructions and always require the use of the car seat belts. Most seats have a 5 point harness system within the seat and some have a top tether strap for added protection. The safest position for a child in a car is in the center back seat. However, when one adult is transporting an infant in the rearward position, then the front seat is acceptable for easier observation of the child.

Fallacy: Safety seats are too expensive.

FACT: • The cost of a child safety seat equals that of two tanks of gas.
• Remember, your child depends on you for protection. Use a safety seat on the **first** and **every** trip in the car.



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